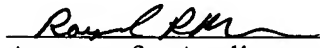


### REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are presented for examination. Claims 1 and 3-14 have been amended as to form, with Claims 6-8 and 13 further amended to remove improper multiple dependencies. The Abstract has likewise been amended to now appear on a separate sheet of paper following the claims, in line with proper U.S. practice, and to more accurately reflect the current scope of the invention. Favorable consideration of the presently amended claims is respectfully requested.

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